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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IDB DAIRY LOAN

1. WE VERY MUCH HOPE THE DIARY LOAN PROPOSAL WILL BE REFORMULATED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE U.S. WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT WHEN IT NEXT COMES BEFORE THE IDB BOARD. U.S. DOES NOT, HOWEVER, WANT TO BE IN POSITION OF NEGOTIATING LOAN TERMS DIRECTLY WITH THE GOM. WE BELIEVE THE APPROPRIATE AND MOST EFFECTIVE CHANNEL FOR INFLUENCING THE REFORMULATION IS THROUGH THE IDB STAFF IN WASHINGTON.

2. THE IDB STAFF IS FAMILIAR WITH THE USG POSITION. WE WILL GIVE THEM ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING TECHNICAL DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED BY AID AND USDA. CANADIANS ALSO ARE WORKING WITH IDB STAFF ON REFORMULATION. BANK STAFF WILL THUS HAVE BENEFIT OF BOTH U.S. AND GENERALLY SIMILAR VIEWS IN NEGOTIATING WITH GOM.

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3. IF THE GOM AGAIN RAISES THE QUESTION OF THE REFORMULATION, YOU MAY WISH TO REITERATE THAT WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE TOTAL PROGRAM AS PRESENTED, INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS (SPECIFICALLY THE EMPHASIS ON LARGER

FARMERS TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE SMALLER) AND THE APPARENT INCOMPLETENESS AND DOUBTFUL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM IN ENSURING SANITARY MILK SUPPLIES. RATHER THAN GETTING INTO DETAILS CONCERNING OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE LOAN, HOWEVER, WE THINK IT WOULD BE BEST FOR EMBASSY AND OTHER USG PERSONNEL IN MEXICO TO SUGGEST THAT MEXICANS CONSULT CLOSELY ON REFORMULATION WITH IDB STAFF, WHICH IS FULLY AWARE OF ASPECTS U.S. AND OTHERS BELIEVE SHOULD BE CHANGED.

4. WE WILL SEND YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE CONTENTS OF OUR COMMUNICATION TO THE BANK OUTLINING ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT WHICH WE WILL PARTICULARLY LOOK AT IN ANY REFORMULATED LOAN REQUEST.

5. TREASURY AND AGRICULTURE CONCUR IN THIS MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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